



2012 WORKER MEMORIAL DAY

APRIL 26, 2012

Commemorating workers who died in Washington State
in 2011 as a result of job-related injuries and illnesses.

John R. Belcher ■ Jayme L. Biendl ■ Jeffrey A. Birt ■ Stephen W. Brown ■ Joe L. Bystron
James A. Chappell ■ George R. Claflin ■ Richard J. Cormier ■ Dillan A. Davis
Christopher J. Egan-Pennels, Jr. ■ Austin G. Ellison ■ Artemio G. Figueroa ■ John M. Gaither
Samuel J. Gaydeski ■ Steven F. Ghiglione ■ James N. Guido ■ Matthew M. Hadaller, III
Sanchita Halder ■ John P. Hazelton ■ Donald G. Hines ■ William T. Horton ■ Allan C. Hurn
James C. Hussey ■ John E. Inman ■ James E. Johnson ■ Thomas J. Kenny ■ Broderick K. Koga
Lucas J. Kralman ■ Brian W. Kultgen ■ Lonny D. Larson ■ Christopher J. Loehr
Frank W. Lopardi ■ John V. Magno ■ Robin J. McCalister ■ Vernon H. McColm
Allen J. McGladrey ■ Dwight G. McKay ■ Terry L. Milbrad ■ Steven M. Morgenstern
Stephen W. Nelson ■ William B. O'Connor ■ Cong Van Pham ■ Donald L. Potts
Franklin W. Price ■ Gareth G. Rasmussen ■ Billy D. Rhynalds ■ David M. Robecker
David Robison ■ Curtis A. Roderick ■ Abraham Sierra-Rodriguez ■ Maria T. Ruiz ■ Gary L. Sall
James L. Schiefelbein ■ Justin T. Schmidt ■ Steven D. Sebastian ■ Sharon N. Silva
George H. Sly, Jr. ■ Lawrence W. Smith ■ Shamsher S. Sohi ■ Thomas E. Spencer
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Ernest A. Tullis ■ Aaron B. Waag ■ James B. Waters, Jr. ■ William L. Weller ■ Dale R. Wheeler



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Posting of the colors

Washington State Patrol Honor Guard

Invocation & Benediction

Chaplain Bill Terhune

South Bay Fire Department

Welcome

Judy Schurke

Director, Department of Labor & Industries

Marty Brown

Director of Office of Financial Management,
representing Governor Chris Gregoire

Jeff Johnson

President, Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Don Brunell

President, Association of Washington Business

Dave Kaplan

Executive Director,
Washington Self-Insurers Association

Special Musical Tribute: "This Love"

L&I Vocal Ensemble

Memorial reading of names

Bell Ringers, Tumwater Local 2409

Washington State Council of Fire Fighters

Sign Interpretation

Verna Siegel

Garden Bell Ceremony

Director Schurke



*Thoughts and photos
provided by families
of workers lost in 2011*





Jeffrey Allen Birt, 36, Firefighter

Jeff was an amazing husband, father, son and brother. He was intelligent and kind, with a great sense of humor. Jeff had faith in Jesus Christ and was active in his church. From the age of three, Jeff knew he wanted to become a Seattle firefighter like his dad. He joined the Seattle F.D. in 1994 at the age of 19 and spent most of his career as the tillerman of Ladder 4 in Belltown. His brother Jason also joined Seattle F.D. in 1999. Jeff felt honored to work for the Seattle F.D. He leaves his wife, Melissa, and children, Natalie, Derek and Brendan.



Stephen Walter Brown, 50, Elevator Adjuster

Steve moved from Montreal to the U.S. in 1979 at 18, spending 23 years as an elevator adjuster. Kidney cancer from exposure to Trichloroethylene forced his retirement. He was smart, witty, and enjoyed life to its fullest. Steve completed the STP twice in one day, was a competitive swimmer, professional motocross racer, sailboat racer, scuba diver, certified ski coach and instructor. He belonged to Elevator Constructors locals 19, 82 and 74, the Seattle Atheists, Gilda's Club of Seattle and the Kidney Cancer Support Group Seattle. Steve is survived by his wife Lisa, three daughters, parents, sister, brother, grandson and granddaughter. He is greatly missed by all who knew him.



Joe Bystron, 78, Pipe Fitter

Joe was a good husband, father and grandfather. He loved life and enjoyed the outdoors. Camping, fishing, crabbing and traveling were among his favorite pastimes. He also loved his profession as a pipe fitter and took pride in his work. Joe was the center of his family's life and is missed very much.



Richard Cormier, 75, Air Conditioning Refrigeration Mechanic

Richard retired from the USCG in 1974 and went on to work for Boeing's Renton plant from 1974 to 1990. He and his wife Shirley retired to Centralia. Richard loved to golf and travel with his wife all across the United States. He was a devoted husband and father and loved to spend time with his grandchildren. His most memorable saying getting out of the car was, "OK, everybody out of the pool!" This always made us laugh. His family loved him very much and will always have him forever in our hearts.



Dillan Adrian Davis, 20, Millworker

Dillan worked for Hampton Lumber for 18 months—beginning at the Randle mill the Monday after his June 2010 graduation, then the Morton mill in October 2011 due to layoffs in Randle. He had only worked there for two months. Dillan loved life and adventures. He was always on the go in his Jeep, on his motorbike or his snowmobile. His favorite saying was, "To the woods." There wasn't anything he wouldn't do for anyone and he was always helping friends work on their vehicles. Three and half years before he passed away, Dillan lost his 18-year-old sister, Darcie. They are loved and missed every day.



Christopher John Egan-Pennels, Jr., 24, Computer Technician

Chris was born in Torrance, Calif. on Aug. 20, 1986 and died on Aug. 14, 2011, shortly before his 25th birthday. Chris was in the web design and programming business, but moved with his girlfriend to Cashmere, Wash., to be closer to family in the Wenatchee area. Chris immediately found a job with Tube Leavenworth, where he was employed when he passed away. He was hard working and very dedicated to his job. Chris is survived by a large and loving family. He was preceded in death by his two sisters, Melanie and Tiffany, and will be watching over them until we all come home.



Austin German Ellison, 18, Construction

Austin was a 2011 graduate of Black Hills High School in Tumwater, where he was a member of the marching band. He had a contagious smile, a warm giving personality and was never at a loss for friends. He also enjoyed hanging out at home watching TV with his mom, Donna, and sister, Autumn. He played percussion at church alongside his father, Max, and volunteered at the church food bank. This was Austin's first job after high school. He was saving money for college and to buy a car. True to his giving personality, upon his death Austin donated his kidneys, corneas, tissue and bone to help others.



Artemio Figueroa, 41, Demolition Worker

Artemio was a great man and a great father, husband and grandfather who always put his family first. He was married ten years and had six boys. He loved fishing, camping and just relaxing with friends and family. Artemio lived his life to the fullest. When he wanted a boat, he got it. When he wanted a sports car, he got a Mustang. When he wanted to own a business, he opened Demomex Construction. He was a strong and determined man with an infectious smile and laughter that could fix almost anything. He was the best husband to Jeannie. He loved, he lived, he smiles.



James Nicholas Guido, 56, Shipping/Warehouse Specialist

James was born in Manchester, England and raised in Brooklyn, New York and Natick, Massachusetts. Inspired by his favorite book, *The Way of the Peaceful Warrior*, Jimmy loved family and friends unconditionally. A shoulder to lean on, a voice to listen to, he will be forever missed by his mother Josephine, his wife Ann, his four sisters, and nieces and nephews. The poem he wrote two days before his tragic and unexpected death continues to comfort those of us who knew him: "I am the wind, free to come and go, moving in and around people's lives, a soft breeze caressing them with love."



Matt Hadaller, 47, Fire Chief

Matt was an amazing man whose life was filled with projects — from home remodeling to restoring cars. He dreamt of a new Mossyrock fire station. With land donated last year, Matt would be proud to know his dream lives on in his fire department family. But his greatest accomplishment was being a wonderful husband and having four children who admired him and will carry on his name. He was a prankster who could make anyone smile. His many friends and admirers include the school kids he coached and the elderly folks he visited. He is missed so much by so many people and he touched so many lives.



Thomas J. Kenny, 58, Locomotive Engineer BNSF

Tom was a great man, a leader among his peers. He was a wonderful father and husband and his wife Lorraine's best friend. His family will miss him terribly. Tom's passing has not gone unnoticed in his home community. Each day, all who pass through the railroad crossing in Longview-Kelso will see new crossing arms and a whistle board that, sadly, three men gave their lives for.



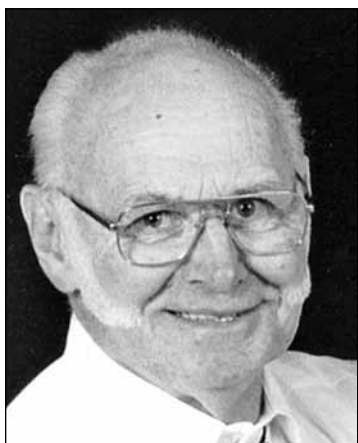
Lucas James Kralman, 36, Cellular Technician

Luke was an amazing man. He was a quiet spirit, a man of few words. Most people remember him for his smile, his handshake and his willingness to jump up and help anyone in need. Nothing meant more to him than his family. He was married to his wife Pam for 16 years. Together they had two amazing children, Jake, 15, and Shelby, 13. He loved hanging out with his brothers and his mom any chance he got. All our lives are better because he was a part of them.



John V. Magno, 59, Janitor Helper

John began at NW Building Tech Inc. in May of 2006 and from day one showed up with his hat on, ready to work. John was always the bright spot to the day, always asking how you were and no matter what, he would reply, "That's good," and back to work he would go. John was active in the Special Olympics. It was great to see John compete and share his pride in the many medals he had won. A photo of John in the office continues to make his friends smile. John is survived by his sister, many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. He is missed every day.



Allen J. McGladrey, 80, Heavy Construction

Al died after a courageous battle with mesothelioma, his hospital stay marked by a steady flow of loving relatives and friends. Born in Everett on July 5, 1930, Al was the oldest of five. He married the love of his life, LaVonne Douglas, on Aug. 28, 1976. Al spent four years in the Navy before beginning his career as a carpenter in construction. He retired from the Carpenters Union, Local 131, in 1992. Al belonged to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Moose Lodge, Elks, VFW and the American Legion. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and a loyal friend. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten.



Steven Martin Morgenstern, 50, Engineer

Steve was born in Springfield, Mass., on Nov. 2, 1959 and passed away Sept. 11, 2010. He graduated from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology as a Mechanical Engineer and was a professional engineer in the Puget Sound area. He was creative and loved to build and take on projects, especially those that helped others. Steve is survived by his wife, Connie; son, Josh; sisters, Susan and Sheryl; and his parents, Michael and Janis. Steve dedicated his life to Jesus Christ and grew in his faith daily, especially after he was diagnosed with cancer. He had peace in his passing and we all will miss him deeply.



Terry Lynn Milbrad, 48, Landscaper

At a young age, Terry was aptly nicknamed, “Terbo.” His zest for life was unmatched and full of extremes. He could outwork people half his age. He was kind, charitable and fearless. His laugh was infectious and his sense of humor priceless. Terry gave us all a reason to smile. He had great pride and love for his sons. They were his solid foundation. His legacy lives on through his sons and in our memories. We are honored to have known and loved him. We know he’s now landscaping the Heavenly Father’s garden.



Garet G. Rasmussen, 38, Battalion Chief

Garet was a firefighter’s firefighter with two passions in life — fire service and family. Garet was deeply respected by fellow firefighters at Chelan County Fire District #1 in Wenatchee, where he proudly served 15 years as a firefighter, lieutenant, captain and battalion chief. He lived and breathed for his wife and children, writing, “I play with fire for a living. Love my wife to eternity. I enjoy every moment raising my two beautiful children. My family is my world. I’m truly blessed.” Garet enjoyed camping, hiking with the kids, picnics, hunting, and fishing. He died serving his community and doing the job he loved so much.



George Sly, 62, Firefighter | Engine Operator/Driver

George Sly was a lifetime resident of Otis Orchards, Washington, graduating from East Valley High School and attending Spokane Falls Community College where he played football and wrestled. George was a second generation Spokane Valley Fire Department firefighter for 32 years. He had a sincere smile and a handshake filled with respect. He was brave and courageous. He was a hunter and a fisherman extraordinaire. George approached life each day as a treasure and was completely dedicated to his family, his country and community. He is survived by his wife of 35 years Linda, daughter Jocelyn Sly, son Kristoffer Sly and two grandchildren; Grace and Beau Wallace.



David Tourangeau, 46, Sheet Rocker

David A. Tourangeau of Winthrop passed away from complications resulting from a bee sting at a job site on Sept. 28, 2011. Dave was born April 11, 1965, in Seattle to Al and Pat Tourangeau of Twisp and later graduated from Renton High School. He worked at several places before working in the construction industry in the Methow Valley as a sheet rocker. Dave loved to hunt, fish and live in the Methow Valley, but gave up most of his free time for his construction work and the respect of those he worked with in the trade. Dave is survived by his parents, sister and two children.



Aaron Bjorn Waag, 28, Tree Specialist

Aaron was lifted to heaven on eagles' wings on Jan. 5, 2011, doing the work he loved. Aaron was passionate about life, family and his friends. He loved his wife Ashley and daughter Abigail more than words can express. He had a strong quiet faith that was proven in all of his relationships; he lived it out with each person he knew. He called his dad, mom and brothers the best friends a guy could have and encouraged everyone to just get along. Aaron is soaring with the Lord now and as we see those eagles we can know that Aaron is cheering us all on from heaven. Isaiah 40:31



James Waters, 40, Journeyman Lineman

James B. Waters (Little Jim) was taken from his family on Aug. 5, 2011. James was born April 16, 1971, in Yakima, and raised in Selah. He loved fishing with friends and family at Lake Roosevelt, spending time in his vegetable garden and tending to his flowers. Most of all, James loved spending time with his wife, Shawna, and his three children, Willie, Lena and Rayna. They meant the world to him. If anyone needed help, he was there for them. James had worked as an electrical lineman for the last seven years and was passionate about his work and well respected by his co-workers.



William Lynn Weller, 53, Flight Instructor

William Lynn Weller was the hardest working man anyone could know. He had a passion for flight and was able to fulfill that passion through his work at Boeing and as a glider instructor for Northwest Eagle Soaring. He passed away doing what he loved most. His family is grateful for all who remember him for his hard work and dedication.

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, every year job-related injuries and illnesses cut short the lives of more than 100 workers in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, loved ones, friends, and co-workers of fallen workers experience untold pain and suffering; and

WHEREAS, the families of fallen workers experience economic hardship as well as emotional devastation; and

WHEREAS, business, labor, and government must remain diligent in their efforts to prevent workplace deaths, injuries, and disease; and

WHEREAS, a memorial ceremony provides all Washingtonians an opportunity to pay tribute to fallen workers and rededicate ourselves to workplace safety and health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2012, as

Worker Memorial Day

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this important observance.

Signed this 21st day of March, 2012

Chris Gregoire
Governor Christine O. Gregoire





The Worker Memorial Garden on the grounds of the Department of Labor & Industries' headquarters in Tumwater, Washington, serves as a year-round remembrance of fallen workers. In 2007, a brass bell sculpture by artist Tom Torrens was donated by the Washington State Building and Construction Trades Council and installed in the garden.

The garden and bell are dedicated to all Washington workers who die from a workplace injury or illness. Each year at the annual Worker Memorial Day ceremony relatives ring this bell in honor of their loved one.